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SUBJECT: 20 TH ANNIVERSARY OF EAST GERMAN UPRISING

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1. AT BONN GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 18, FONOFF REP
(BRAEUTIGAM) ASKED AGAIN FOR ALLIED VIEWS ON PROPOSAL
TO HOLD IN BERLIN A CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE
JUNE 17 UPRISING. ALLIED REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES
TENDE TO AGREE THAT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE
RAISED IF THE CEREMONY WERE TO TAKE PLACE IN BERLIN.
THEY POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE DECISION WAS ONE
WHICH ONLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE AND THAT
THEY DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT THE FOREIGN
OFFICE A FORMAL OPINION ON WHETHER OR NOT SUCH AN
OCCASION WOULD CONTRADICT THE TERMS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT.

2. ALLIED REPS SAID THAT IN ANNOUNCING THE DECISION
AGAINST HOLDING THE CEREMONY IN BERLIN, THEY WOULD
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PREFER THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DESCRIBE IT AS HAVING BEEN TAKEN FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT NO DIRECT MENTION OF THE ALLIES BE MADE. IF ASKED, IT COULD BE SAID THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN CONSULTED. BRAEUTIGAM SAID THAT THIS WAS CLEARLY THE POSITION THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE WHEN DESCRIBING ITS DECISION IN PUBLIC. HOWEVER, THE MATTER WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CABINET AND THERE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE ASKED BY HIS COLLEAGUES WHICH POSITION THE THREE POWERS HAD TAKEN. IN THIS FORUM IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO SAY ONLY THAT THE ALLIES HAD BEEN CONSULTED. ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT IN THE CABINET, THE FOREIGN MINISTER COULD CONFIRM THAT THE ALLIES HAD AGREED SUCH A CEREMONY MIGHT CAUSE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. HILLENBRAND

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